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AVAQMD NOW ACCEPTING CLEAN AIR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Lancaster -- The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District is soliciting nominations for its William "Pete" Knight Memorial Achievement in Reducing Emissions (AIRE) award, which recognizes outstanding contributions toward the reduction and/or prevention of air pollution in the Antelope Valley.

Eligible candidates include local businesses, industries, schools, agencies, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to clean air through the development of voluntary air pollution reduction and/or prevention programs. Nominated entities/projects must be located within the AVAQMD's jurisdictional boundaries, and nominated individuals must reside within the District's boundaries. Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by a second party.

In recognition of sponsoring the legislation that created the Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District, then upgraded it to an independent air quality management district, the

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AVAQMD's Governing Board renamed the annual AIRE Awards in memory of the late Senator William "Pete" Knight in 2005.

Nominations must be postmarked or received at AVAQMD offices by Monday, August 31, 2015. The AIRE Awards will be presented during National Pollution Prevention Week, September 21 through 27, 2015. The Nomination Packet is available online at **www.avaqmd.ca.gov**, or by calling the AVAQMD at (661) 723-8070.

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